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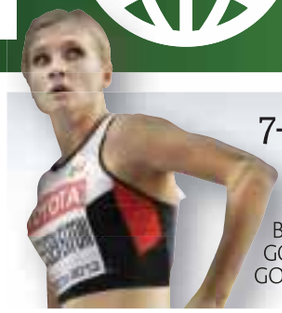

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Wallin: I will repay 'mistakes'

Travel expenses. Yet a Deloitte report says she may have tried to alter her claims after the fact, according to a source

Pamela Wallin said she will reimburse taxpayers for all disputed travel expenses but denied wrongdoing as she claimed all those flights and taxi rides were just part of her job as a busy senator.

"I never intended to seek nor sought reimbursement for travel expenses in any situation where I did not believe such a claim was proper. Where I made mistakes, I have, as you know, already paid money back," Wallin told reporters Monday.

The statement came before Wallin headed into a meeting of the Senate committee on internal economy, budgets and administration, where her colleagues discussed a review of her travel expenses by the forensic accounting firm Deloitte, dating back to when she was appointed as a senator for Saskatchewan more than four years ago.

Accusation

Sources said Monday the report will detail travel expenses that Wallin expensed to taxpayers while she was on business unrelated to her Senate duties, including one instance of fundraising for the Conservative party.

"It is my view that this report is the result of a fundamentally flawed and unfair process," said Wallin, who received the Deloitte report Monday morning.

Details were dribbling out Monday, with sources saying the committee is expected to recommend Wallin reimburse at least $120,000 in expenses.

One source said she could be asked to pay back an additional $20,000 if senators decide some expenses Deloitte flagged as open to interpretation were ultimately inappropriate.

Wallin has already repaid $38,000 in expenses and said Monday she plans to pay back whatever else the committee decides she owes, plus interest.

Wallin said her main issue with the Deloitte report is that auditors did not view the job of a senator — and therefore what constitutes "Senate business" — in the same way she does.

"I was determined to be an activist senator," Wallin said.

Sources familiar with the Deloitte report had also said Monday that external auditors flagged a number of instances where Wallin had altered her electronic calendar after the review had begun.

She said she was advised during the process that she should exclude any information irrelevant to the actual expenses.

"So we formatted our calendar accordingly," she said.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK? SHOULD SENATOR WALLIN RESIGN IN LIGHT OF THE FINDINGS? VISIT METRONEWS.CA TO TAKE OUR ONLINE POLL.

Sen. Pamela Wallin appears at a Senate committee hearing on Parliament Hill on Monday. The embattled senator has called an independent audit of nearly four years of travel claims "fundamentally flawed and unfair." PATRICK DOYLE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Being open to new culture helps newcomer adapt

Finance professional Muhammad Adnan is busy adapting to life in Canada, by learning the culture and seeking practical advice from Scotiabank.

While newcomers face many challenges in a new country, Muhammad Adnan sees the positive side of his hard work over the past year, juggling day and night jobs. "I never had time to notice the snow since I went from my work to the bus stop to my next job," laughs the native of Faisalabad, Pakistan. "That's good, because it is very cold here."

Adnan has kept this upbeat attitude since he arrived in Saskatoon. Although his previous career was a risk officer in a commercial bank, Adnan quickly found work as a construction site supervisor. When the prairie winter halted building work, Adnan trained as a tax preparer at a tax return agency and later added a night shift at a pizza shop to pay the bills and support family back home.

"As an immigrant, we have to work hard," explains Adnan, who holds a Masters degree in finance. "Prepare your mind, because whatever you find, you just have to do."

But Adnan notes that his long hours of work and study helped him gain an understanding of Canadian culture, which is critical to finding a job in your own profession. "The main thing is to know the culture," he says, noting that he's made friends who are Canadians, Indians and Nepalese. "It's also good to go to immigrant associations since they help introduce you to the community."

For example, in his part-time job checking tax filer returns, he's learnt the importance of delivering good service to make customers feel comfortable. "Often clients come in worried or angry, but if you treat them in a friendly way and explain everything, you can make them more relaxed."

Adnan also observed this when he accompanied a classmate to open an account at Scotiabank's Commercial Banking and Main Branch in Saskatoon. They were pleasantly surprised that Sarah Rowe, Personal Banking Officer, took her time to patiently explain the banking options for newcomers. "She answered all our questions, and re-explained things until you got it, including how immigrants can get a credit card and mortgage."

Adnan was so impressed that he made another appointment with Sarah to open his own Scotiabank account through the ***Scotiabank StartRight***® Program[1]. The program includes a free day-to-day bank account for one year[2], a wide range of credit card options[3] and a number of other customized services and benefits.

"I had opened an account at another bank, but they just gave me a form to sign and that's it. They didn't explain how to build credit or get car financing[4]," recalls Adnan, who has since switched his account to Scotiabank.

While Adnan continues to look for work within his field, he's optimistic that his efforts will pay off. "Everyone has to start somewhere, but to get a good job or achieve your goals you've got to get to know the people and the culture. All your hard work will reward you if you think positive."

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Amazing Race Canada airs its stop in Saskatchewan

Death By Lentils. Filled with Prairie faves & surprises, episode also had unplanned 'pit stop'

ALYSSA MCDONALD
Metro in Regina

Viewers from across Canada got a chance to see some Saskatchewan landmarks and culture as reality-travel series Amazing Race Canada's prairie landing went to air Monday night.

The episode featured the remaining six teams participating in Saskatchewan-based challenges — some which are well-known traits of our prairie province and some that were meant to surprise the national audience.

"Part of the show is showing off things that Canadians don't know about their own country," said Mark Lysakowski, the Amazing Race Canada's show runner.

"When it comes to lentils and to the RCMP — I think these are surprises."

Throughout the episode, the teams raced around the Queen City and visited the RCMP Academy's "Depot" Division, showed off their Ukrainian style at city hall and had to dig through bins of lentils.

Oh course, being Saskatchewan, they also made a stop to visit the Green and White at Mosaic Stadium.

"If you are going to do football — you go to Rider Nation," said Lysakowski. "You go to the stadium and you do a challenge."

The show — aptly titled Death By Lentils — was filmed in the Queen City on May 13 but viewers had to wait until Monday night to see the whole scope.

Lysakowski says the weather that day ended up being surprisingly nice — so much that Reginans came out by the numbers to enjoy spring at the Legislative grounds, which was where the show's "pit stop" — the last stop on the leg where people get eliminated — was supposed to be.

"We couldn't really do a pit stop when everyone was watching so we had to switch to another spot that was overlooking the legislature," said Lysakowski, adding that they chose nearby landmark Pine Island instead.

"There was a little change last minute there."

When the show was filmed in May, assistant commissioner Roger Brown was commanding officer of the RCMP Academy "Depot" Division and led one of the challenges on behalf of the national training facility. COURTESY CTV

Mayor Don Atchison speaks with reporters after executive committee at city hall on Monday afternoon. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

City continues deliberation on tax hike for improved roads

While the City of Saskatoon is unified in taking on a more aggressive approach to improving the city's roads, there seems to be a divide on exactly how to do it.

When it came to discussion on whether the city should introduce a 2.9 per cent property tax hike over three years or implement a $170 base tax, some members of the executive committee couldn't come to an agreement.

Saskatoon Mayor, Don Atchison, who chairs the committee, said while there is still a lot of work to be done on just how to fund the city's roadways, the fact that council members have roads at the top of their priority lists is a positive.

"If we don't start to add more funding, we're just going to continue to slip back further," said Atchison. "I don't think you heard anyone say in council that they didn't want to invest more money into our roadway system."

He continued, "You heard that pretty loud and clear right across the board."

The tax increase could see annual investment in roadway infrastructure jump from $10.89 million in 2013, to $31.04 million in 2016, pending council approval.

The executive committee has asked for more information on the implications of a base tax from city administration, which will then be presented before City Council, where it will be debated before being sent to the budget committee in December.

MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Cabinet approval pending

SaskEnergy rate increase OK'd

Saskatchewan residents will be hoping the winter isn't all that cold now that SaskEnergy bills are set to increase.

The Crown natural gas provider had applied for a two-year rate increase, planned to come into effect in late 2013 and 2014.

While the price of gas isn't going up, the company says it needs to increase what it charges customers to deliver the product.

The first year's application has been approved by the rate review panel.

SaskEnergy had been asking for an average increase of 3.6 per cent, which should come into effect on Sept. 1, pending the approval of cabinet. CJME /THE CANADIAN PRESS

$550K income unreported

Sask. businessman fined, jailed for evading taxes from 2006 to 2008

A Saskatchewan businessman has been sentenced to 14 months in jail and handed a hefty fine for tax evasion.

Canada Revenue Agency says 58-year-old Jerry Leroy McCaw of Bienfait was found guilty in April of evading federal income taxes totalling just under $115,000.

The agency says McCaw failed to report nearly $550,000 in income from Jake's Oilfield Construction, the company he owned and controlled, from 2006 to 2008.

Court heard McCaw had changed his status from employee to subcontractor so that the company would no longer issue him a T4 slip.

He had also adopted the belief that, as a "natural person," he is not subject to the Income Tax Act.

In addition to the 14-month jail term, McCaw and his company were fined more than $264,000.

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Villa snaps, cracks, pops into sinkhole

'Sounded like popcorn.' Guard rushes to wake guests as villa in Florida starts falling apart

Employees install barricades around the collapsed building by a sinkhole at Summer Bay Resort on Monday in Clermont, Fla. GERARDO MORA/GETTY IMAGES

As windows broke and the ground shook, vacationers who were awakened in their rooms at a villa near Orlando, Fla., soon realized that the building was starting to collapse — parts of it swallowed by a 100-foot sinkhole.

By early Monday, nearly a third of the structure at Summer Bay Resort had collapsed. All 105 guests were evacuated, as were those in the neighbouring buildings. No injuries were reported.

Inspectors remained on the scene Monday to determine whether the two buildings nearby would be safe to enter.

The first sign of trouble came at about 10:30 p.m. on Sunday. Security guard Richard Shanley had just started his shift. A guest flagged him down to report that a window had blown out. Resort staff decided to evacuate the villa.

Shanley said the building seemed to sink by 10 to 20 inches and bannisters began to fall off as he ran up and down three floors trying to wake up guests. One couple with a baby on the third floor couldn't get their door open and had to break a window to get out, he said.

"It's a scary situation," Shanley said, and guests credited him with saving lives by awakening them.

Amy Jedele heard screams coming from one of the adjacent buildings at about 10:30 p.m., and several minutes later, the sounds of sirens. She and her fiancé, Darren Gade, went outside. "That's when you could hear the pops and the metal, the concrete and the glass breaking," she said.

"It sounded like popcorn," said Maggie Moreno, who was visiting with her family. "The building was just snapping."

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A common problem

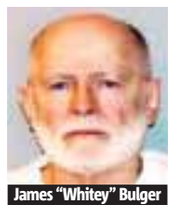
Sinkhole problems are ongoing in Florida. They cause millions of dollars in damage in the state annually.

- On March 1, a sinkhole underneath a house in Seffner swallowed a man in his bed. His body was never recovered.
- Fatalities and injuries are rare; most sinkholes are small.

Boston. Mob boss turned FBI informant convicted

James "Whitey" Bulger, the feared Boston mob boss who became one of the most-wanted fugitives in the U.S., was convicted Monday in a string of 11 killings and other gangland crimes, many of them committed while he was said to be an FBI informant.

Bulger, 83, was charged primarily with racketeering, which listed 33 criminal acts, among them 19 murders that he allegedly helped orchestrate or carried out himself during the 1970s and '80s while he led the Winter Hill Gang.


James "Whitey" Bulger U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Bulger could get life in prison at sentencing Nov. 13.

Bulger was on the run for 16 years after being tipped off — by a retired FBI agent, it turned out — that he would be indicted. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nova Scotia. Mix-up leads to needless mastectomy

Nova Scotia's Capital Health is assuring people changes are coming after two separate mix-ups led to an unnecessary mastectomy and a biopsy.

In the first case, two patients had their reports switched, so one tissue analysis went in the wrong file. This resulted in a woman having a mastectomy.

"She would have thought that she had cancer," said Chris Power, CEO of Capital Health.

She said the mistake was found when the agency's quality-assurance program discerned that the woman's report didn't match her original biopsy.

In the second case, two tissue samples were mislabelled before analysis, resulting in one person having an unnecessary biopsy and another not receiving correct treatment right away.

Power said Capital Health is implementing a bar-code system for lab specimens and a robotic lab that will limit human error.

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London 'smart bins' trashed for sweeping up smartphone data

The bin who spied on me. The innocuous-looking receptacles are under investigation for phone hacking after reaching more than 4 million devices this year

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Metro World News in London

They look like normal recycling bins, with a display screen showing news updates and adverts. But new "smart bins" in London have been secretly harvesting personal data and are now under investigation, in possible violation of European Union law.

The model from technology company Renew has been collecting the unique electronic signatures (MAC addresses) from passing smartphones, reaching more than four million devices in trials this year. The company claims the data reveals the user's route, frequency of visit, and time at a location, which it would provide for advertisers to personally target consumers.

Graphic of a Renew bin extracting the MAC addresses from passing smartphones. The company that has been collecting the information is now being investigated for secretly gathering personal data. CONTRIBUTED

On Monday, the City of London ordered the company to stop the practice and referred it to the data protection body Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for investigation. "Anything that happens like this on the streets needs to be done carefully, with the backing of an informed public," it said in a statement.

Renew director Kaveh Memari downplayed the investigation, telling Metro the data gathered is "always anonymous." Memari said the practice was "just a trial at this stage to see if the technology worked to merit a longer term discussion."

But he may be in conflict with the EU "Cookie Law" that states permission is required to gather personal data, or cookies (tiny individual databases websites used to identity past users). "The majority of opinion is that MAC address and location is personal data and requires consent," Richard Beaumont, expert on data protection law at The Cookie Collective, told Metro. "Four readings is enough personal information not to be anonymous."

Beaumont added that it is not a surprise the authorities were unaware as regulation is outdated.

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A spokesman of the U.K. Advertising Association said this type of data gathering went too far, but added most people want tailored advertising. The source noted a 2012 Accenture survey showed just 36 per cent of people objected to being tracked.

Coming to a street corner near you. The Renew bins will have further trials in North America and Asia. CONTRIBUTED

Waterloo. BlackBerry weighs sale options as review begins

Hopes of BlackBerry returning to its glory days have all but disappeared as the smartphone company delivered the most damning proof on Monday that its new phones are a sales flop, as it moves forward with a plan that could result in the sale of its operations.

The board of directors at the Waterloo-based company launched a review of "strategic alternatives," which it says could also potentially take BlackBerry in other directions, such as a partnership or joint venture.

Regardless of the outcome, the decision throws the company's future into uncertainty. BlackBerry could be scooped up by an interested buyer or even go private — an idea that has gained favour since last week when reports suggested the board has recently opened up to that option, even though it wasn't specifically mentioned in the announcement.

In some ways, the company has been here before, but the stakes are different this time around. BlackBerry launched a softer review of its "strategic business model alternatives" in May 2012, which some analysts had expected would turn into a sale of certain assets. That never materialized and BlackBerry went on to launch its new line of phones in late January.

Since then, the new high-end Blackberry 10 devices have struggled to gain favour in the highly competitive smartphone market dominated by Apple's iPhone and the Android devices.

In the U.S., the phones were considered a dud almost as quickly as they hit shelves. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A BlackBerry Q10
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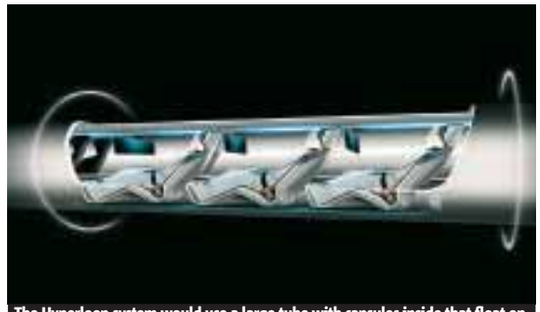
PayPal co-founder reveals Hyperloop transport system

Los Angeles. Concept for travel between big cities uses capsules that move at high speed inside a large tube



The Hyperloop system would use a large tube with capsules inside that float on air, travelling at over 1,126 kilometres per hour. TESLA MOTORS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Billionaire entrepreneur Elon Musk unveiled a transportation concept Monday that he said could whisk passengers the nearly 644 kilometres from Los Angeles to San Francisco in 30 minutes — half the time it takes an airplane. If it's ever built.

His Hyperloop system for travel between major cities would use a large tube. Inside, capsules would float on air, travelling at more than 1,126 kilometres per hour. The air would be sucked by a powerful fan at the front and expelled at the rear.

"Short of figuring out real teleportation, which would of course be awesome (someone please do this), the only option for super fast travel is to build a tube over or under the ground that contains a special environment," Musk wrote in his proposal, posted online.

The system Musk envisions is not unlike the pneumatic tubes that transport capsules stuffed with paperwork in older buildings. In this case, the cargo would be several people, reclining for the ride.

Coming from almost anyone else, the hyperbole would be hard to take seriously. But Musk has a track record of success. He co-founded online payment service PayPal, electric luxury carmaker Tesla Motors Inc. and rocket-building company SpaceX.

Monday's unveiling lived up to the hype part of its name. Leading up to the unveiling, done on the SpaceX website, online speculation was feverish. Musk has been dropping hints about his system for more than a year during public events, mentioning that it could never crash and would be immune to weather. During a Tesla earnings call on Thursday, Musk said he is too focused on other projects to consider actually building the Hyperloop.

"I think I kind of shot myself by ever mentioning the Hyperloop," he said. "I don't have any plans to execute, because I must remain focused on SpaceX and Tesla."

He said he would fulfil his commitment to publishing an open-source design, meaning anyone can use it and modify it. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"I don't have any plans to execute, because I must remain focused on SpaceX and Tesla." Hyperloop designer Elon Musk

New York investigates virtual currency

New York is trying to corral the "Wild West" atmosphere of virtual currencies such as Bitcoin and may create new regulations to keep the growing technology from being used in crimes.

Financial Services Superintendent Benjamin Lawsky's inquiry was confirmed in a memo provided to The Associated Press on Monday.

"We have seen instances where the cloak of anonymity provided by virtual currencies has helped support dangerous criminal activity, such as drug smuggling, money laundering, gun running and child pornography," Lawsky wrote in the memo dated Monday.

He described virtual currencies as a "Wild West" for criminals that could threaten national security.

The memo cites a wide range of companies and investors who received subpoenas for documents and data which Lawsky said will help better understand the burgeoning industry. Among the investors on the list are Google Ventures and another company called Winklevoss Capital Management, with "key personnel" listed as Tyler and Cameron Winklevoss — the twins who sued Mark Zuckerberg in 2004 claiming he stole the idea for Facebook from a company founded by the Winklevosses and a third person from Harvard.

There was no immediate response to a request for comment from the Winklevoss brothers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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New York's Financial Services Superintendent Benjamin Lawsky

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Montreal

Dollarama exec will head up 99-cents Only

Dollarama is losing one of its top executives, who is moving to California to become president and CEO of another discount retailer called 99-cents Only Stores. Chief operating officer Stephane Gonthier will remain with Montreal-based Dollarama for a time to ensure a smooth transition. 99-cents Only Stores had $1.5 billion US in sales last year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Turkey

Liquor warnings decree 'Alcohol is not your friend'

Bottles and cans of alcohol sold in Turkey must soon bear warnings similar to those on cigarette packages, including the phrase "Alcohol is not your friend." The new regulations about the labels result from a law passed in May that restricts the sale and advertising of alcohol. The law was one reason a wave of anti-government protests hit Turkey in June. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New York

Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg sells $91M in stock

Facebook's chief operating officer, Sheryl Sandberg, has sold $91 million US worth of shares in the social networking company.

The sale was part of a pre-determined trading plan that was set up in 2012. It came a week after Facebook's stock passed its $38 IPO price for the first time since going public in May 2012. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DECOR DISPUTE HITS HOME

SHE SAYS

Jessica Napier
metronews.ca

After five years, two condos, one basement apartment and a whole lot of rent cheques, my boyfriend and I finally managed to buy a house together. Technically it's more of a townhouse, which means we have a mortgage AND we're obligated to pay hundreds of dollars a month in maintenance fees, but, hey, it's something.

The week after our closing date I spent about 18 hours admiring inspirational interiors on various home decor blogs (which are basically porn for new homeowners). I found myself drooling over designer kitchens and impossibly minimalistic living rooms that I could never recreate. I lay awake at night lusting after expensive flush-mount lighting and fantasizing about what sort of table runners I could buy for various themed dinner parties.

At first my boyfriend didn't share my newfound obsession with interior design. His eyes glazed over as I tried to explain the nuanced differences between eight different shades of white and he took a "whatever you think is best" approach to everything home-related.

But I persisted. I coerced him into weekend trips to Home Depot by explaining that we're no longer lazy tenants and he should take an interest in making our new home our own.

Eventually, my "nest and invest" campaign paid off and I got him to start caring about furniture placement and light fixtures. So you can imagine my disappointment when I realized that he actually didn't agree with 100 per cent of the decorating decisions that I had already executed in my mind (and on my many decor-themed Pinterest boards).

Suddenly he has all these ideas about bar-stool upholstery and pendants versus pot lights. The white paint colour for the living room is now "too" white and perhaps we should be favouring bronze over brushed nickel in our fixtures. I seem to have created a chandelier-loving monster and it's too late to try and put a lid on his opinions.

We're certainly not the first couple to feud over home furnishings. If you've ever been to Ikea on a Saturday morning you've witnessed plenty of domestic disputes between couples who just can't seem to agree on what space-saving wardrobe solution would best suit their bedroom. Aspelund! Pax! Morvik!

Homes are a collaborative endeavour and couples are bound to come into conflict at some point, whether it's over personal taste or how much money to spend. It's important to remember that cohabitation means compromise. You're not designing a show home; you're creating a livable space to share together.

I'm not sure that my industrial-chic esthetic can ever really jive harmoniously with his rustic-cottage-meets-Palace of Versailles vision for our home. But if we're going to bicker over bookcases, at least now we have a place of our own to do it in.

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Shelling out for new digs

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3D printed shells for hermit crabs

An artist in Tokyo has created hermit crab shells adorned with miniature cityscapes. Aki Inomata used a CT scanner to map the interior of sea shells before manufacturing the designs using 3D-modelling software. Among the shapes are New York City's skyline, and a Thai pagoda. **METRO**

Q and A

'Changing identity'

AKI INOMATA
Artist, 29, from Tokyo

What inspired you to do this project?
In 2009, I heard about a dispute between France and Japan after an old embassy building in Tokyo was demolished. The two nations debated whose land was it: French or Japanese? Then they agreed to swap control of the land every 50 years.

That made me think about changing identity, and how hermit crabs change their shells as they grow. I wanted to connect the crabs' transformation to our own adaptability, whether it's acquiring a new nationality, emigrating or relocating.

It's 5 km, but who's counting? Princesses run to benefit kids with cancer

News worth sharing

Media will always have to report on the tough stuff. But we know that Canada is full of compassionate people, inspiring projects and stories worth celebrating. Here's just one:

Peppy Saskatoon princesses are prepping for a run on Aug. 20 — tutus and tiaras welcome.

Veteran runner, Jennifer Tataryn, put a call out to princess-lovers across Canada to participate in a five-kilometre charity run, called Run Your Glass Off, where participants dress up in costumes.

Proceeds of the race go to Kellsie's Hope Foundation — started by the late Kellsie Marchbanks during her second round of cancer treatments to raise money for cancer research and assist families with children suffering from the disease.

Tataryn, who has been running for about three years, has participated in Disney's Princess Half Marathon twice, and she loves it.

"It is so much fun, you almost forget that you need to run 13.1 miles," she says.

For this run, she designed "glass slipper" medals, which will be given out at the finish line.

But as a first-time event planner, getting participants to sign up hasn't been easy.

Luckily for her, the Running Room is helping with promotion.

"They think of the details I may have missed on my own," says Tataryn.

Visit runningroom.com.

CRAIG AND MARC KIELBURGER

Craig and Marc Kielburger are founders of the international charity and educational partner Free The Children.

Letters

RE: Questions Mount About New Brunswick Python, published Aug. 9

This is really sad on many fronts. This animal should not have been in Canada to begin with. The man who owned it should be charged and/or put in jail.

The poor animal was killed for nothing. It should have been shipped back to Africa and put back in the wild where it belongs. The whole system is responsible for this tragedy.

Two children were killed because of weak or no laws. This beautiful animal was killed for the same reason, and what will be done about this?

When you don't enforce your own laws, what do you think is going to happen? Sad indeed because it could have been prevented.

Anthony Silvestro, Ottawa

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SCENE 2

Disney's wonderful world

D23 attendees check out some of Disney's new animation in Anaheim, Calif. last week. DISNEY/CONTRIBUTED

D23. Metro's Richard Crouse checks out what Disney has on tap at their Anaheim convention

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It snowed in Anaheim, Calif., Friday afternoon but it wasn't a freak storm, just a blast of Disney magic at D23, the Mouse House's equivalent of Comic Con.

As Broadway star Indina Menzel sang Let it Go from the upcoming animated film Frozen, artificial flakes fluttered down from the rafters, gently covering the 5,000 faithful fans who gathered for the first of two star-studded early-look previews.

The convention featured more than 200 presentations, panels and concerts, but these sneak peek events, which focussed on Disney's reverence for their past and their commitment to the future, were among the most highly anticipated.

At Friday's event, Disney chairman and chief executive Bob Eiger and chief creative officer John Lasseter were greeted with the kind of audience response usually reserved for rock stars and royal babies.

They unveiled the new short film Get a Horse, which mixes 85-year-old Walt Disney Mickey Mouse sketches and state-of-the art 3D computer animation. It also features a vocal performance from Walt himself, pieced together from old tapes. "Someone has to update his IMDB page," joked director Lauren MacMullan.

Advance looks at The Good Dinosaur, which imagines a world if dinosaurs had survived, Inside Out, a movie Lasseter described as "one of the most unique films I have ever been associated with," and Finding Dory, the sequel to one of Pixar's most loved films, were met with cheers.

Saturday's presentation unveiled teases from Disney's live action slate. Paying tribute to Disney's past, Kenneth Branagh will direct a live action Cinderella, and another film revisits one of Disney's great villains. Maleficent stars Angelina Jolie as the Sleeping Beauty villain, a role she's coveted since youth. "Since I was a little girl Maleficent was always my favourite," she told the crowd. "I wanted to know more about her."

Tomorrowland, a sci-fi film starring George Clooney, was inspired by a box found in the Disney archives. Labelled simply 1952, the "dusty old box" contained a mysterious mishmash of items, including a copy of Amazing Stories magazine and a short animated documentary that inspired Lost screenwriter Damon Lindelof to pen the speculative story.

The most obvious tribute to Disney's legacy is Saving Mr. Banks, which brings the late visionary to life on the big screen. Tom Hanks stars as Walt attempting to buy the rights to Mary Poppins from writer P.L. Travers, played by Emma Thompson. Shot on location at the Burbank Studios where Walt worked, the film is timed to coincide with the 50th anniversary of Mary Poppins.

Kutcher: The right man for the job

Ashton Kutcher knows you were skeptical of his ability to portray Steve Jobs. But that only further propelled him to effectively honour the late Apple great.

"It sucks to be judged before you even have a chance to prove yourself, but that's the world that we live in," the 35-year-old actor says. "For those people, their day will come when people judge them and want to hold their feet to the fire for mistakes or something they haven't done yet. I like a good challenge — tell me I can't do something."

To play the tech wiz in Jobs — which chronicles Apple's beginnings and the business obstacles that came after it found success — Kutcher threw himself into the lifestyle that Jobs led, even landing in the emergency room after following the fruitarian diet Jobs was a proponent of.

"I read a book by this guy Arnold Ehret, which was a book that Steve read, called The Mucusless Diet Healing System," Kutcher recalls. "I think the guy who wrote that book was pretty misinformed and my insides got messed up and my pancreas kind of went crazy. The levels were really off and it was really painful."

But not uprooting his life to become the Apple mogul was out of the question, Kutcher says, because "he's so well documented I couldn't afford not to resemble him."

Give that man an Apple

"I just wanted to honour his legacy and do so honestly. I didn't want to glorify him. I didn't want to vilify him."

Ashton Kutcher on playing Steve Jobs

Indeed, stepping into that black turtleneck (at least for one scene) was a character study for Kutcher, who says he had never met Jobs and only "had a mild appreciation for the products he created." But shedding light on Jobs the human, who had flaws just like the rest of us, was important to the actor.

"I just wanted to honour his legacy and do so honestly," he says.

"I didn't want to glorify him. I didn't want to vilify him. I just wanted to tell the truth. There's a lot of conflicting stories, but we just try to tell the most honest interpretation of his story that we could."

MEREDITH ENGEL, METRO WORLD NEWS

Ashton Kutcher plays Apple founder Steve Jobs in Jobs. CONTRIBUTED

Lea Michele ALL IMAGES GETTY

To Cory, with love: Michele dedicates award to Monteith

Lea Michele accepted the Teen Choice Award naming Glee Best TV Comedy by dedicating it to her late boyfriend and co-star, Cory Monteith. "I wanted to dedicate this award to Cory. For all of you out there who loved and admired Cory as much as I did, I promise that with your love we're going to get through this together," she said from the stage, flanked by her Glee co-stars. "He was very special to me and also to the world. We were very lucky to witness his incredible talent, his handsome smile and his beautiful, beautiful heart."

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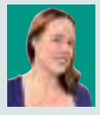
Did Ben Affleck really visit Lohan in rehab?



THE WORD
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Lindsay Lohan had a steady stream of visitors while in rehab, including Ben Affleck, who was reportedly considering her for a role in his upcoming film, Live by Night, a source tells Radar Online.

"Lindsay was excited about the opportunity, telling me that she was going to have dark hair in the movie and would have an Irish accent," the source says. "She tried to tell me he was being flirty with her, but that's just Lindsay's way of embellishing because she constantly needs attention."

Apparently the meeting didn't go so well, as a source close to the production insists that Lohan "isn't being considered and won't be in the movie."

I highly doubt that Ben Affleck, who is so beyond A-list that he is practically his own Commandment, visited rehab to interview Lindsay Lohan. But it is nice to think so, isn't it?

Mama Bynes gets busy overseeing Amanda's well-being

Amanda Bynes' mother, Lynn Bynes, has been awarded a temporary conservatorship over her troubled daughter, and she's not wasting any time making decisions.

Her first act? Moving Bynes from her current psychiatric ward, according to Radar Online. "Lynn wants Amanda in a more private facility," a source says. "It could happen as soon as this week. She will get better care at a private facility." The temporary conservatorship, granted late last week, gives Lynn control over decisions about Amanda's health and finances and will be in effect until Sept. 30.

Twitter

@ElizabethHurley
Memory Lane today..... in a black leather catsuit for a new campaign. It's been some time since I've shoehorned myself into one. My son on set- and ecstatic.

@NicholasHoult
I went to a Roller Derby match in Montreal over the weekend, if you get the chance to go then do. Crazy sport and fun people.

@tyrabanks
Forget I was trying to be veggie and ordered some darn meatballs. Shoot!!!

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That's it! I'm going back to comedy!

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Sun. Drinks. Beach. Buzz. Heaven. The perfect weekend day. Headache. Dry-mouth. Pass out. Vomiting on the car ride home. The usual weekend evening.

To help you stay on track, we asked Orlando Marzo, mixologist and bartender at The Player in Soho, London, to share his top hydrating cocktails.

The Journey

A mix of Bacardi superior and Martini rosato, with a splash of Mezcal, honey and lemon juice. Revitalizing taste and delicate botanicals aroma.

Swizzle

A Caribbean classic. This rum-based drink is made with lime Falernum, angostura bitter, lime juice and sugar syrup. Serve tall with crushed ice. Sensationally refreshing.

Sosho Cooler

Finlandia mango vodka and crisp Sauvignon blanc, shaken with muddled red grapes, fresh lemon and apple juices.

New Orleans Cobbler

Rye, orange, pineapple, lemon, bitters and pastis. A punchy cocktail with a fruity twist.

Grapefruit Julep

Finlandia grapefruit shaken with fresh pink grapefruit and lime juices, honey, grenadine and mint.

Drink up

Refreshingly drunk

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News in London

With hopes of becoming liquored up large, I set off for The Player, a '70s-style cocktail joint located in the trendy Soho, London, where I'm greeted by Simon Aukett, 27-year-old mixologist and my personal barman for the evening.

A gentle opener – the Sosho Cooler

It's the fruit salad of the cocktail world, made with palette-tickling flavours, such as grapes, lemon, mango and apple. No misleading marketing here — it's undeniably refreshing, thanks to its sweet crisp flavours.

A sharp shot – the Grapefruit Julep

If you're after a bitter bite, go for the Julep. Its double hit of grapefruit and lime produce a more sophisticated taste than the Cooler, while the addition of honey sweetens this drink's tart edge.

Time for a Swizzle

This rum-heavy beverage is no girly number, but with roots in the Caribbean, it's got all the makings of a mellow summertime tipple. Though be warned, it's made with a tongue-tingling slug of El Dorado rum.

New Orleans Cobbler — rye not?

This one is for the more cultured palette, with its strong nutty flavour that lingers from first sip to final swallow.

It's all thanks to the rye, but it's the dry Italian digestif Campari that gets you salivating.

The Journey...comes to an end

Created by The Player's head barman, The Journey is a fittingly titled drink for the end of my cocktail quest. I struggle to take my lips away from this one, with the earthy taste of Mezcal trickling from tongue to throat, while the lemon juice gives it an invigorating jolt. Sodden but not sozzled, I amble away into Soho, with a numb, tipsy euphoria.

As for cocktail hydration, a doctor would deplore any suggestion, but the sensation is unquestionably more pleasant than that of a loutish night on the lager.

Keep backyard dishes simple with two-step corn salad

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While we're still grilling, you can't beat barbecued corn on the cob. This salad is great on its own or serve with either grilled beef, chicken or tiger shrimp.

Ingredients

- 3 fresh cobs of corn – husks removed
- 1 small red pepper sliced in half – seeds removed
- 1/2 cup diced red onion
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh basil
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp apple cider vinegar
- 1 1/2 tsp finely chopped jalapeño pepper
- 1 tsp finely chopped garlic
- pinch of salt and pepper

Barbecued Corn and Roasted Red Pepper Salad

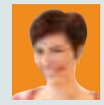
This salad serves four. ROSE REISMAN

1. Preheat your barbecue to medium-high heat. Grill the corncobs and bell pepper halves on a medium heat for about 12 to 15 minutes, or until the corn and peppers begins to brown. Using a sharp knife, slice the niblets off of the cobs and place in a bowl. Peel the peppers, dice and add to bowl.

2. Add the red onion, basil, oil, cider vinegar, jalapeno, garlic, and salt and pepper to the corn mixture and stir to combine.

Health Solutions

The science of aging



NUTRI-BITES
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The health science community is abuzz with a thing called telomeres (pronounced tea-low-mere-z) that are in every cell in your body and the health of which are an indication of the aging process.

The discovery of telomeres won the Nobel Prize in 2009 and they can now be tested so your cells actually tell the story of your biological age. There are foods and activities that factor into telomere protection:

Consume High nutrient, low calorie foods like:

- Blueberries
- Kale
- Fresh herbs
- Whole grains like quinoa and millet
- Beans and pulses
- Nuts and seeds
- Avoid processed sugar and flour
- Manage stress and sleep

Experts say that one of the most important things you can do to prevent the aging process of telomeres is to avoid "R and R"— red and rumination.

Learn how to relax and take things in stride instead of seeing red and stop ruminating on stressful events that have already passed; let them go.

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Too many money rules? Here's a few more

Alison on money. So we're a bit obsessed with lists these days — here's some that can really help

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How many money rules do you need? That's the question posed by Marie Engen in the Aug. 6 online issue of Boomer & Echo: Financial freedom at any age (boomerandecho.com).

Engen correctly notes that money rules are proliferating like weeds in today's list-obsessed media. For example, both Money Magazine and Forbes recently published 20 rules of money.

There's also plenty of books touting rules of money, the champion author being Canadian Gail Vaz-Oxlade with a staggering 261 rules.

For fun, I searched rules of money on the Internet and came up with a mere 830 million hits. (I confess that a few of those hits might be my own lists of rules.)

Engen amusingly turns the discussion on its head by comparing the plethora of financial books on the topic to diet books.

She points out that there are basically only two ways to manage your weight.

1. Don't gobble up more calories than you expend.
2. Quit eating junk.

Similarly, Engen offers just two essential rules for managing money.

1. Spend less than you earn or live below your means. (Doesn't this sound like the first rule of eating?)
2. Save something for the future. Squirrels do this, so should people.

While I hate to add to the list mania, I'd include just one more.

3. Quit buying junk. By junk I mean superfluous possessions and poor quality stuff. This includes expensive and under-performing mutual funds.

I try very hard to follow this third rule, nonetheless I am chagrined when I do a mental review of purchases to realize that at least 10 per cent of what I buy, be it food, clothing or household items, either isn't worth any amount of money or, worse, isn't something I really need or even want.

The best part about adhering to these three simple rules is that they aren't difficult to follow.

In fact, they quickly become habitual like morning coffee or a dog walk before bed.

Even better, once you make this trio a habit the rules are self-perpetuating. Living within your means leads to saving. Buying less junk also frees up cash for saving.

And put together, these rules lead directly to a far more satisfying life. And isn't that the goal we all seek?

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Save for the future. Squirrels do it. Aren't you as smart as a squirrel? ISTOCK IMAGES

Are you really my friend?

Photographer. Tanja Hollander travels the world to meet all of her Facebook friends

ERIKA PADRÓN AND CYNTHIA VALDEZ
Metro World News

Tanja Hollander, a photographer in the U.S., has amassed nearly 700 Facebook friends, but she's never met many of them in person.

And so, she went on a huge journey in the hope of turning her online relationships into something more real. Metro Mexico interviewed the 41-year-old Maine native to find out more about her photo project titled Are You Really My Friend?

What is it like to travel and visit more than 700 friends?
It's been really interesting in every way. I'm about halfway through so there's still 300 more to go. I'm still surprised about how many homes I've been to and how generous people are, especially the people that don't have a lot. They're willing to share what they do have, whether it's food, wine or introducing me to their friends and family, or just making some extra space at home for me to sleep.

Do you tell them you are going to visit, or surprise them?
Yes, I email everybody first.

So, how did you come up with the idea of visit all your Facebook friends?
On New Year's Eve in 2010, I was writing a letter to a friend in Afghanistan and at the same time instant-messaging with a friend who is working in Jakarta. I started thinking about those two friendships and the different way of communicating because they were in opposite places in the world. They're from different parts of my life. Both friendships and ways of communicating are important to me. So I started to think about how we talk with so much technology and how much of our lives is so "photographable".

We know your friends let you stay at their homes but how much money have you spent so far?
A lot! I don't know, that's a good question. It's been a lot. I started this project with a low budget, I could make another project on how to travel with not a lot of money.

Where did you start and which cities have you visited so far?
I started travelling in April 2011 and I've been to a hundred U.S. cities and towns across 43 states. There's nine overseas destinations left to go in Europe, Asia and New Zealand.

What's been the hardest part of this journey?
Scheduling is really difficult, to make sure I'm in the city my friends are from. Maybe they are not home or not available. Sometimes it's hard to keep up with everything, It's also incredibly difficult travelling alone and trying to remember everything.

When do you think you're going to finish this journey?
Hopefully within a year or two. It really depends on how much money I can raise because I have to stop and raise money, which takes time.

Since you started your project, has your Facebook list of friends changed?
Yes, the numbers are going crazy. But I don't accept requests from people I don't know. Some of them deleted me but I don't know why.

Do you have a better definition of a digital friendship?
I think there are different kinds of friendship: there are some friends you call in the middle of the night and the kind of friends you go to the movies with, but there's also the friends you have only by emails or texts. Having a multitude of different kinds of friendships is really enriching.

Are you planning to make an expo besides publishing your photos on Facebook?
Yes, I post everything online in Facebook and in my blog and in the end I'm planning to have an exhibition at a museum.

Tanja Hollander CONTRIBUTED

MANAGE YOUR TIME EFFICIENTLY

If they could go back in time, 27 per cent of college and university students surveyed would tell their younger selves to boost their self-discipline skills, and another 26 per cent would advise improving time management skills in order to be successful beyond high school, according to a study released by Intel Canada.

Survey results show college and university respondents are far more effective when it comes to using technology to stay on track. In fact, 50 per cent of post-secondary students polled said they use technology to manage tasks such as to-do lists.

Post-secondary students surveyed report using a computer on average 24 hours each week. High school student respondents spend on average 16.4 hours per week.

However, it's not just the amount of time spent on their computers that differs, it's how the students polled are using their computers.

Furthermore, when looking more broadly at computer usage than organizational tools, if they could only use their primary computer for one thing, surveyed students said the top choice for post-secondary students surveyed was schoolwork (42 per cent) followed by surfing the web (18 per cent), and streaming TV shows, movies and music (12 per cent)

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"Students looking for the best of both worlds when it comes to juggling schoolwork, social lives and foundational skills should consider a two-in-one device for the coming school year," says Graham Palmer, country manager of Intel Canada.

"With a full laptop that can easily convert into a tablet, there are options available, so whether you're in class, at home or somewhere in between you'll have the computing power, and battery life, to make the most of each and every day."

WIDE RANGE OF PROGRAMS

AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Saskatoon's 34 Catholic elementary schools and seven high schools are ready to welcome back more than 16,000 students this year.

Elementary students go to school at 9 a.m. on Sept. 3 to register. The first full day of classes is Sept. 4. Call your neighbourhood school if you would like to make plans for your child to attend; offices reopen Aug. 26.

For high school students, classes begin Sept. 3. Times vary by grade, so check with your school. If you have questions about registering, high school offices are open now to take your questions.

Catholic schools proudly offer a wide range of programs for all students.

New Canadians who need English as an additional language (EAL) instruction receive it at their home schools. In other words, students don't have to travel out of their neighbourhoods — the teachers travel to them. The division's excellent English as an additional language program serves more than 1,400 students.

French immersion continues to grow. Non-immersion students can also pick up French in Grade 6 with the intensive French program, which is offered at several schools. Cree bilingual and Ukrainian bilingual programs are also available.

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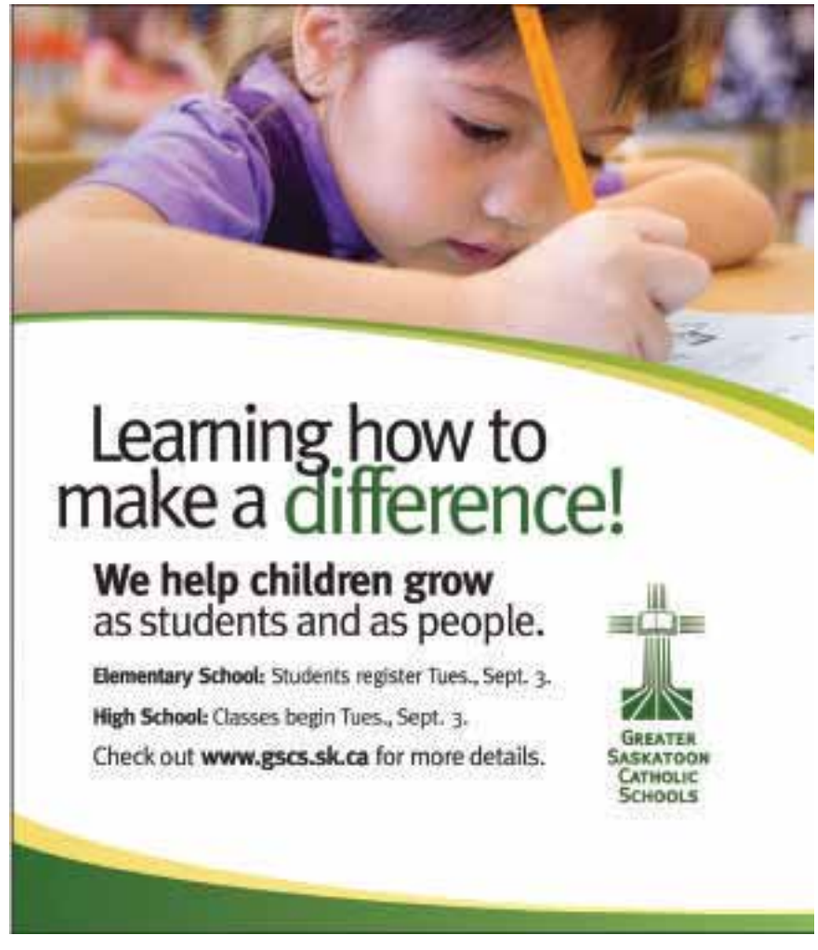
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Brianne Theisen Eaton competes in the high jump in the heptathlon at the World Athletics Championships in Moscow on Monday. DAVID J. PHILLIP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Spousal rivalry raises the bar for heptathlete

World championships. Humboldt native sits in 4th as husband watches from the stands

One day after Ashton Eaton won his first world title in the decathlon, his new wife is in the running for a medal in the heptathlon.

Canadian Brianne Theisen Eaton, a native of Humboldt, who married the American Olympic decathlon champion last month, was fourth Monday after the first day of the seven-discipline event.

Room for improvement

"I think I just put too much pressure on myself. I didn't even know why."

Brianne Theisen Eaton, on her disappointing high-jump performance

"I watched Ashton win the gold, but I switched the TV off as soon as the result was announced," said Theisen Eaton, 24, who attended the University of Oregon with Eaton. "I was just trying not to get too excited and to get the needed sleep."

The heptathlon at this year's world championships is wide open because of the absence of Olympic champion Jessica Ennis-Hill and defending champion Tatyana Chernova. Both are out injured.

That gave Ganna Melnichenko of Ukraine an opening, and she took it, amassing 3,912 points at Luzhniki Stadium. Dafne Schippers of the Netherlands is second with 3,837 points, followed by American Sharon Day, in third with 3,836. Theisen Eaton is fourth with 3,810 points.

"It was solid throughout, but I'm disappointed with my 200-metres," she said.

"I got sick Saturday morning. Managing that has been stressful. No excuses, though, going to come out swinging (Tuesday)."

With her husband watching from the stands, Theisen Eaton jumped out to a quick lead after finishing the opening 100-metre hurdles with the fastest time of the day, 13.17 seconds. But she soon dropped to second after the high jump and then fourth after the shot put. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Saskatchewan's Albers pitches two-hit shutout

Canada's Andrew Albers threw a two-hitter in his second career start and the Minnesota Twins backed him with a pair of home runs to beat the Cleveland Indians 3-0 Monday night.

Albers (2-0) allowed just two singles, walked none and struck out two.

Brian Dozier and Trevor Plouffe homered to help the Twins win for the eighth time in 11 games.

Jason Kipnis and Yan Gomes had the only hits for Cleveland.

Albers, a soft-tossing lefty from North Battleford, had Tommy John surgery in 2009 and made his big-league debut at 27 years old in his last start. He threw eight 1-3 scoreless innings at Kansas City and now has ripped off 17 1-3 straight scoreless to start his career.

He kept the Indians off-balance with an assortment of breaking pitches all night.

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Twins pitcher Andrew Albers
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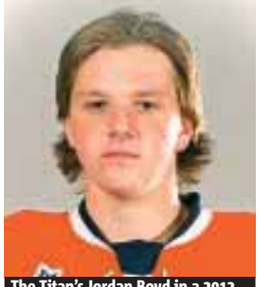
Young hockey player collapses, dies at tryout



The Titan's Jordan Boyd in a 2013 training camp portrait.
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A 16-year-old prospect for the Acadie-Bathurst Titan junior hockey team died Monday after he collapsed during tryouts with the club.

Photi Sotiropoulos of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League said Jordan Boyd felt some discomfort during a wind sprint at a rink in Bathurst, N.B.

A first responder attempted unsuccessfully to revive Boyd before he was taken by ambulance to the local hospital, where medical staff determined he had died, Sotiropoulos said.

An autopsy has been ordered to determine the cause of death.

Sotiropoulos said the youth completed a full medical evaluation and was cleared to compete by the team doctor before the training camp began.

Quoted

"He was an excellent hockey player. He had quite a potential career and life in front of him."

Paul MacIsaac, past president of the Bedford Blues, on young hockey player Jordan Boyd

"It's very odd this would happen," he said, adding there has only been one other training camp death in the league's 30-year history.

"It was horrifying news this morning. When you find out he was just 16 years old, that I think is the most tragic part."

He said the young man's father was watching the workout when his son collapsed. The family declined comment through the team.

The five-foot-11 forward is described by a former president of his minor hockey club in Halifax as a gifted player who had a bright future in the game.

Paul MacIsaac, past president of the Bedford Blues, said Boyd had improved his offensive skills during his bantam season in 2011-12.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
A friend will need cheering up today and you're the right person for the job. No one is happier than you, so be who you were meant to be and let some of those good vibes rub off on those around you.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
If you get the urge to change direction, do so. Others will complain because it throws their plans into confusion, but what's that to you? Be honest to who you are.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Even things that go wrong are part of cosmic design, so don't get too upset if your plans don't work out the way you had hoped over the next 24 hours. It's all good — always.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Do something that grabs the attention of important people and keep doing it until you get the recognition you deserve. If the planets are to be believed, it won't be long in coming.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
It won't take much of an effort to get on top of your workload today but can you be bothered? Hopefully you will overcome your lethargy because once you start, you won't want to stop.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You can turn any situation to your own advantage now, even those that seem to be going against you. With Mercury, your ruler, linked to power planet Pluto, you are in no mood to give up.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Certain people are gossiping about you but is it such a big deal? And would you prefer it if no one took any notice of you? If they're talking about you then you must be doing something special.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Honesty is a virtue. But if you are smart you will hold off telling the world what you know today, especially if it involves a friend who might be hurt by the revelations.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
With the Sun in your fellow Fire sign of Leo, you can easily persuade friends and work colleagues to do tasks for you. Sit back and let them do all the hard stuff. They'll be happy and so will you.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Don't act as if time is a factor, because it isn't. Whatever the task you have to compete today, the important thing is that you get it 100 per cent right — however long it takes.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If someone takes you into their confidence today, you must not betray their trust by passing the information on to others. If you do, they will never trust you again. In fact, you'll always be the last to know.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You may be tempted to help a friend cover up some kind of transgression but the planets warn it's not a smart move. Let them know that the problem is theirs to resolve. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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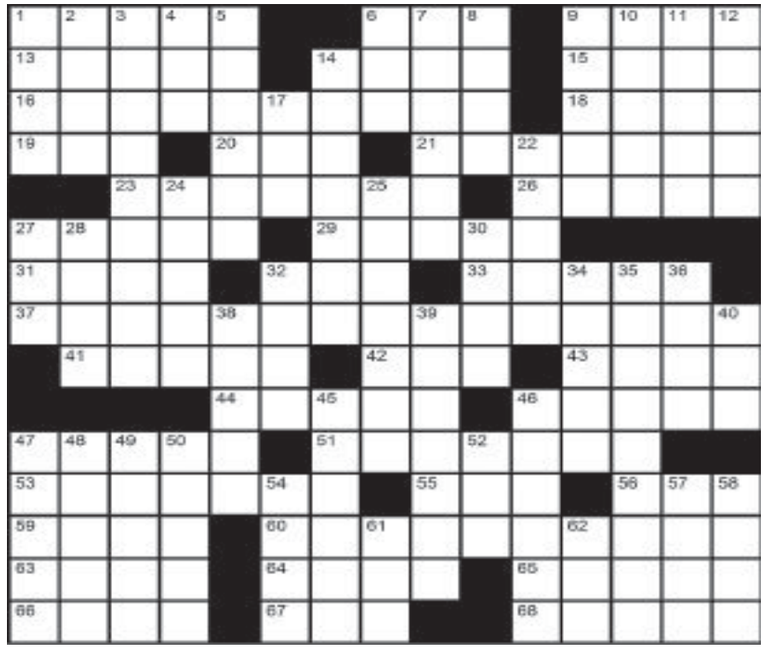


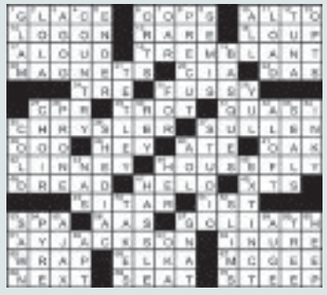
Across

1. 9:30am and 2:45pm
6. "It's Like That" by Run-_ _ _
9. Ms. Turner
13. On _ __ (Is winning)
14. "Bye!"
15. Equal: French
16. 1980 golf comedy
18. __-de-camp
19. Pop group, __ Direction
20. 7th Greek letter
21. Streaming media provider
23. Stone of hieroglyphics
26. Open court hearings
27. Conform
29. Himalayas land
31. Ancient Egypt: Son of Ramses I
32. Sales pro
33. House toppers
37. What an athlete might lose because of steroid use: 2 wds.
41. Special snack
42. Tic-__-Toe
43. Associations [abbr.]
44. Administered, as medication
46. Healed
47. Annie Lennox hit: "No ___ Love You's"
51. Saint Joseph's __ (Montreal church/tourist attraction on Mount Royal)
53. Famous hotel in Ottawa, Fairmont __ Laurier
55. Big noise
56. Scoundrel
59. "Fame" (1980) star Irene
60. Norwegian, for one: 2 wds.
63. Portland, __.
64. Clue
65. Ebb and neap
66. Agile or lively
67. Compass dir.
68. Purges

Down

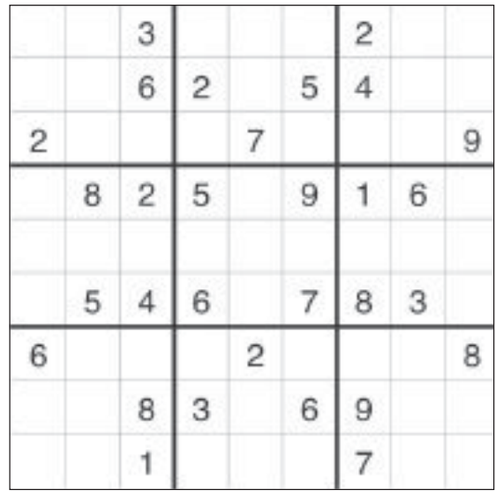
1. Old El Paso kit component
2. Tehran's land
3. Whoopi Goldberg's job on "The View"
4. Yore
5. Most cunning
6. Day: Spanish
7. Pre-Confederation: Premier of the Province of Canada, from 1854 to 1856, Sir Allan __ (b.1798 - d.1862) ...also the great-great-great grandfather of Prince Charles' wife Camilla
8. Pepsi competitor
9. Like Romaine lettuce
10. Nimble
11. Low point
12. Mr. Trebek's
14. Gab
17. Sault __. Marie, Ontario
22. Go from bottom back up __ __
24. Sound off
25. Informant
27. Beast of burden
28. Store section, shortly
30. Mr. Clapton
32. __-Rooter
34. Scent
35. Get to BC's coastal islands from the mainland by way of one: 2 wds.
36. Greenish hue
38. The Beatles' "Sexy __"
39. Tried some: 3 wds.
40. '60s hallucinogenic
45. Manitoba town
46. Bill Haley's backups
47. Doctor on "Star Trek"
48. Family in "Gone with the Wind" (1939)
49. More unique
50. Story, in a house, in French
52. Thanks, to Brits
54. Patient's pain
57. Afresh
58. D'Urbervilles heroine
61. Feminine 'one' in French
62. Sass

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



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